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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE Docket No. 07-16;

Dear Mrs. Secretary:

Access to new technology should be affordable and widely available. The Advanced Technology Alliance (ATA) is a non-profit, grassroots organization committed to promoting consumer access to emerging technologies.

Our membership, comprised of thousands of individual consumers and local businesses in Illinois, believes that real competition leads to more choices, lower prices and better service for consumers and forces all video and technology providers to earn their customers through innovation and investment in technology.

There is a significant divide between those that have access to technology and those that do not. It is unsettling that such disparities still exist. Many companies offer their services at a premium cost ultimately limiting access in many households. We need to level the playing field.

The same quality services should be available whether you live in the inner city or a rural community or whether or not you reside in an affluent community. While everyone stands to benefit from additional access to technology, the underserved populations would substantially gain. Technology can drive growth and economic development in all communities across Illinois.

The Advanced Technology Alliance encourages the FCC to promptly consider any proposals that would increase access to technology for all communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Roemke".

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